



# OH5 PRIDE REPORT

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JANUARY 2026



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due by the 27th of the month

### SAVE THE DATE:

Ohio Lions Winter  
Retreat  
Jan. 16-18, 2026  
Deer Creek State Park

District Convention  
March 13-14, 2026  
Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Columbus  
2700 Corporate  
Exchange Dr, Columbus  
43231

Ohio Lions State  
Convention  
May 15-17, 2026  
Holiday Inn, Roberts  
Center,  
Wilmington, OH

Lions International  
Convention  
Jul. 3-7, 2026  
Hong Kong

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# from the desk of

## 1VDG GARY LIKENS

Greetings OH5.

I hope you all had a wonderful and joy filled Holiday season. I know several clubs have been busy either sponsoring families, participating in food and or toy drives, collecting and distributing hats, coats, gloves, etc for those in need. Just being Lions.

Helping, serving and caring for our neighbors and our communities, is what we do.

From the District we say thank you and continue your great work in the new year.

Yours in Lionism,  
FVDG Gary Likens

### JANUARY SCHEDULE:

Jan 5: Club visit- Dublin

Jan 6: London

Jan 11: Group 31 zoom

Jan 12: New Albany

Jan 13: Zone 1 Mtg. Pittsburg

Jan 20: Beechcroft/Convention committee

Jan 23: Springfield Nat.Trail

Jan 24: Urban clubs zoom

Jan 26: Zone 3 Mtg. @ Der Dutchman (PC)

Jan 27: LaRue



## Tri-Village Lions Focus on Hunger Close to Home



Neighbors helping neighbors. That has been both the theme and the focus of service by the Tri-Village Lions throughout 2025. The Tri-Village Lions have proudly led a coalition of community groups and neighbors in the Tri-Village area (Grandview Heights, Marblecliff, Upper Arlington) who are focused on feeding hungry children in our community. Only a small percentage of the children in our schools are food insecure, as compared with other communities throughout Central Ohio. That doesn't make those children any less hungry – it just makes them largely invisible to the agencies and organizations charged with confronting childhood hunger, who focus on areas with large numbers to be served. If we weren't responding to the needs of these children, no one else would notice them. We noticed.

The Lions have been joined in these efforts by the Northwest Kiwanis Club, the Upper Arlington and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs, the City of Upper Arlington, the City of Grandview Heights, the Grandview and Upper Arlington Schools, and many more. While some of the funds necessary to support the project have been donated by those organizations, more than half of the money comes from private donations from community members.

We sent home food during Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break for youngsters identified by the schools as food insecure. During 2025, we collected, moved, unboxed, sorted, packed, and distributed 20,550 food items. That works out to more than 13,600 meals and snacks, sent home in 386 bags/boxes of food. We managed this with the help of more than 400 community volunteers, and generated more than 600 hours of community service (including more than 150 hours by Lions). Included within those numbers are 89 bags with foods specially selected and carefully packed for children with special dietary needs.

The Tri-Village Lions are proud to have served a significant role in this neighborhood coalition, addressing hunger in our community.



***“You cannot tell a hungry child that you fed him yesterday.”***



## *PDG Jackie Miller For International Director*

Hello everyone! I want to introduce myself. I am PDG Jackie Miller from OH5 and I am running for International Director. Many of you already know me as I've been all over the State for many years. Maybe we met at your convention when I was taking pictures, maybe at a meeting giving a Helen Keller presentation, or maybe just having fun at a Lions event. If we haven't met yet, I hope we do soon.

As an International Director for Ohio, my vision is to motivate Lions to remember why we began this journey of service. I'm committed to carrying our legacy forward with hope and purpose. I believe that service begins with hope – and I'm committed to inspiring it in every Lion I meet!

I joined Lions in 2004 and I have become more active in Lions every year. To learn more about me, you can read my bio on the State web site: <https://www.ohiolions.org/news-events/news/827-meet-the-candidates-for-international-director>. I've accomplished a lot in Lions and my personal life; I cannot wait to share more next month.

Thank you for reading!

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**C**OME JOIN US!



**FOR A WINTER RETREAT  
JANUARY 16-17-18, 2026  
at  
DEER CREEK STATE PARK LODGE  
at Mt. Sterling, Ohio  
online at [OhioLions.org](http://OhioLions.org)**

**Registration by December 1, 2025-\$130  
4 meals included**



**Visit with the Global Action Team  
Members:**

PCC Kerry Parker, Regional GAT  
PDG Jackie Miller, GLT  
PCC Dave Stockum, GST  
Lion Tim Kershner, GET  
PCC Mike Kerek, GMT



**Enjoy These Sessions  
and more...**

“So, What is that Sound About?”  
Origami  
Paint 'n Sip  
Outdoor Adventures and  
Performances  
Explore Your Family Tree  
A Little History  
Young's Jersey Dairy  
Culinary Adventures  
Sing Along  
Board Games and Euchre  
Pilot Dogs  
Pilot Dog Service Project



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



# 2026 Ohio Lions Winter Retreat

January 16, 17, 18, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM  
DEER CREEK STATE PARK RESORT  
MT. STERLING, OH

## REGISTRATION:

Full registration paid by December 1, 2025 will be **\$130.00**. Full registrations December 2, 2025 – January 3, 2026 will be **\$145.00**. No registrations will be accepted after January 3, 2026. Make all checks payable to: "THE OHIO LIONS" and specify LIONS WINTER RETREAT in the memo line and return with this registration form to: Ohio Lions, 2082 Stringtown Rd, PO Box 155, Grove City, OH 43123; Fax: 614-539-5055; Email: [ohiolions@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolions@gmail.com). To use your credit card: go to [www.ohiolions.org](http://www.ohiolions.org) & use PayPal and send your registration form to the address above. **NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED OR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2026.**

Please provide an Email address to receive updates on the Winter Retreat!

District

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Will attend Sip and Paint (\$30 fee) \_\_\_\_\_ (LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE)

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL NEEDS: Please List any special dietary needs required, including the need for a Diabetic Meal.

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## Session Facilitators

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ would help as a session facilitator at the Winter Retreat.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Hotel reservations must be made through the hotel by calling 1-800-282-7275 and ask for the Ohio Lions Winter Retreat block. Room reservations must be made prior to December 1, 2025 to get the \$129.00/night plus tax rate.

After December 1<sup>st</sup> the room rate may increase. The resort only has a limited number of rooms and may sell out. The State Office will not accept hotel reservations or room deposits.

Check out [www.deercreektatepark.com](http://www.deercreektatepark.com) for all of the winter events and resort amenities that are offered at the lodge. Make this a family outing!!!

# URBAN CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

OHIO LIONS



## WORKSHOP BENEFITS

- ✓ Understanding Urban Dynamics
- ✓ Identifying Urban Opportunities
- ✓ Cultivating Specialty Clubs & Join Together! clubs
- ✓ Tools and tips for club development
- ✓ Networking Opportunities

## WHO'S INVITED?

- ✓ District officers and GETs
- ✓ Extention team members
- ✓ All Lions interested in developing new clubs and urban branches

## JOIN US!



get@ohiolions.org



419-685-7693 GET Tim Kershner  
440-670-7746 PCC Kerry Parker

**Lead to Serve  
Serve to Lead**

A. P. SINGH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-2026



**Saturday,  
January 24, 2026  
9am to 4pm**

**Millersport Lions Club**  
2905 Chautauqua Blvd,  
Millersport, OH 43046

Lunch provided

**Register by January 6**  
**<https://forms.gle/dkYj1kAGc5rE3i456>**



# Ridgedale Lions Club



23<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
2026



## Daytona 500 Dinner & Auction



Saturday, February 14, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM, DINNER AT 5:00 PM, AUCTION FOLLOWING

All Occasions Catering  
6989 Waldo Delaware Rd.  
Waldo, OH 43356

### JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

- Buy a ticket for \$20 and enjoy a fun evening at the auction, which will include a ½ chicken dinner with sides prepared by All Occasions Catering.
- Buy an auction item and support the Ridgedale Lions Club service projects.

**Tickets are available by contacting a Ridgedale Lions Club member or calling 740-251-7922. A limited number of tickets are available and MUST be purchased by Friday, February 6, 2026.**

LIVE AUCTION OF 1/24 SCALE NASCAR COLLECTORS DIE-CAST CARS.  
IF YOU ARE THE TOP BIDDER FOR A CAR IN THE LIVE AUCTION, THAT  
WILL BE YOUR CAR IN THE FEBRUARY 15, 2026 DAYTONA 500.

Many more ways to win! – Total purse over \$2,500!

The evening will include a SILENT auction with many NASCAR collectibles among other various non-NASCAR items.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED BY THE **RIDGEDALE LIONS CLUB** TO  
SUPPORT THE CLUB'S DONATIONS AND SERVICE PROJECTS.





## ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$4,000 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by **March 1, 2026**.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions or members or who are members of Leo Clubs to participate in our Scholarship Program.

Steven D Sherer, Secretary

Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

1090 Thomas Drive SW

New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

[lionpidsteve@gmail.com](mailto:lionpidsteve@gmail.com)

***Please place the above message in your sub-district and district bulletins and post on your websites. Please be aware that Scholarship Applications and information are on the [LITPC website](#).***

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Updated 10/23/25

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2026 District OH5 Convention  
www.district13OH5.org  
March 13th & 14, 2026  
Embassy Suites Columbus Hotel  
2700 Corporate Exchange Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43231



Entire Convention ..... \$100  
Friday Casino ..... Free  
Saturday Lunch ..... \$40  
Saturday Session..... \$3  
Grand Banquet ..... \$60

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Night: Casino** \*Please note, you can buy casino money at the event

**Hotel Room:** Includes free happy hour on Friday night and free Saturday morning breakfast.

\$169 for a suite with 2 doubles with sleeper sofa and \$149 for a 1 king with sleeper sofa. The rates are per night+tax.

**Room deadline is February 13, 2026 \*\*Please mention the Lions event for this rate\*\***

Food Allergies: Gluten \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_ Nut \_\_\_\_ Seafood \_\_\_\_

Name	Entire Convention \$100	Saturday Business & Lunch \$40	Grand Banquet only \$60	Pre Order Casino \$10 Minimum	Saturday Session: Lion Pin Art \$3.00	TOTAL

Please make checks payable to:

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

District OH5 Lions, Inc.

359 Sitterly Road

Canal Winchester, OH 43110

**Service Project:** Collecting vegetable seed packets for the Mid-Ohio Collective, personal care items and Veterans activities backpacks.

Questions: Lion Jen Luttrell - E: [luttrellzoo@hotmail.com](mailto:luttrellzoo@hotmail.com)

**\*\*Please Note: NO MEALS WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THE DEADLINE\*\***



A vibrant red poster for a casino night event. At the top, a fan of five playing cards (Ace of Clubs, Ace of Hearts, Ace of Spades, Ace of Diamonds, and a fifth card partially visible) is displayed. Below the cards is a central sign with the text 'CASINO Night'. The sign is surrounded by stars and a string of lights. Below the sign are two red dice. At the bottom, there are stacks of colorful chips (red, green, blue, and black) and more stars. The background is a solid red color with a subtle pattern of stars and confetti.

# CASINO *Night*

**POKER - BLACK JACK - ROULETTE -  
TEXAS HOLD'EM**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FUN**

MARCH 13TH

PURCHASE YOUR MONOPOLY  
MONEY AND HAVE A GREAT TIME

**7:30-10:30  
PM**

WHO WILL BE THE BIGGEST LOSER?  
WHO WILL BE THE BIGGEST WINNER?



**DISTRICT OH5**

# **SILENT AUCTION!**

**We are excited for  
our upcoming MD-13  
Convention!!!!**

**Requesting Clubs  
and/or Zones to  
donate a Silent  
Auction basket.**

Please contact Jen  
[@luttrellzoo@hotmail.com](mailto:@luttrellzoo@hotmail.com) to come  
your club



**Silent Auction held  
during the Grand  
Banquet on Saturday**



## A black and white photograph showing a pair of scissors with black handles and silver blades, positioned diagonally. A needle is visible in the lower right corner. The background is a crumpled, textured surface.



**\$3.00**

# ADD TO YOUR REGISTRATION AND JOIN THE FUN!



# ✧ OH 5

## Service Project

### M.A.S.H Food Pantries and Veterans Honor Garden

Provides essential services to Veterans, Military families, and survivors in Central Ohio. Providing food, toiletries, and hygiene items monthly.



### Service Project - Part 1

- ✧ The Veterans Honor Garden service project. We as a district will be collecting seed donations at the 2026 Convention.

**\*We are asking all clubs to begin collecting seeds\***



### Service Project - Part 2

- ✧ Collections of regular size personal care items  
**Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, and Deodorant**

**\*We are asking all clubs for a donation\***



### Service Project - Part 3

- ✧ We will be preparing Game packs for Veterans during Friday, Casino Night!  
We hope to see volunteers to help pack bags!

# STRIDES WALK

Come and join us for our OH5 Strides Walk in honor of Lion Kenny Spafford.

The Strides Walk has a special place in Kenny's heart and DG Carl Gass and his committee would like to honor Lion Kenny at this 2025-2026 OH5 Convention.



**MARCH 14TH**

**4-4:45 PM**

Weather permitting location